GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:194
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2004
BAN ON USE OF CFC IN DRUG MANUFACTURING
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chloro Flouro Carbon (CFC) gas causing damage to Ozone layer is being used in drugs manufacturing;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Environment and Forests had banned the use of this CFC gas in 2000 because of its harmful effect on Ozone layer;

(c) if so, whether the Government is aware that the drugs manufacturing companies are using this gas to manufacture room freshners and pesticide sprays; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by the Government against such drugs manufacturing companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A.RAJA)

(a), (b), (c) and (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 194 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.7.2004 REGARDING BAN ON USE OF CFC IN DRUG MANUFACTURING.

(a) Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are being used in drugs manufacturing only as propellant for medicines in Metered Dose Inhalers (MDIs).

(b) No, Sir. As per the Ozone Depleting Substances (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 notified on 19.7.2000 by the Government of India, phaseout of consumption of CFCs in manufacture of Metered Dose Inhalers (MDIs) for medicinal purpose will become effective from 1.1.2010. This deadline conforms to India's phaseout commitments under the Montreal Protocol.

(c) No, Sir. Use of CFCs in manufacture of aerosol products or pressurised dispensers for room freshners and pesticide sprays (excluding Metered Dose Inhalers for medicinal purpose) has been phased out from 1.1.2003.

(d) Does not arise.